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**REONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
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This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement April 14, 2003. Applicant elects the species illustrated in Figure 1. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The Restriction Requirement is not traversed.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims 5-8.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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